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When I saw before me a civilian with
a blue jersey and a suit which evidently
was not made for him, and with a face
not usual in these parts of the country,
but of rather a German type, I under-
stood that I was facing a deserter. I
said to him, "Are you tired of the war?"
"As far as this," he answered, hold-
ing his hand above his head. He had
more than enough. "Yes," he added,
feeling that he was safe on Dutch terri-
tory. "I am tired of it, tired of being
driven to the slaughter like one of a herd
of cattle. I am tired of being snubbed
by young officers, who must think that
we have no human feelings left or no
love for wife and children."

There was hate in his eyes when he
spoke of his officers. "The Year," he
continued, "this name makes most of us
shiver. It is not a fight, but the slaugh-
ter of innocents. And what business have
we in Belgium, after all? Why must we
Germans bring this good-natured people
to ruin and misery? I won't do it any
longer. To desert is a decision, which
counts for one's life. It means saying
good-bye to your country and your well-
fare, but I have strong arms and can
work."

Explaining why he deserted, my in-
formant said: "I was quartered in a
house near Blankenberghe, where a
mother and her daughter lived. One
night I heard a terrible noise. A ser-
jeant and a soldier had forced an en-
trance to the house under pretext that
there was light, and the woman woke me
by their screaming. I jumped out of
bed and rushed upstairs, asking the men
what they wanted there."

"The sergeant was maddened by my
interference, and promised me a punish-
ment. This made me mad also, and I
knocked him down the stairs. This was
enough for the other man as well. But
the next day, I received an order to
appear before the courts. I thought,
'no fear,' and I deserted. Now, I feel
myself another man, and not an instru-
ment of murder. I shall go to America,
and try my chance there."

A few days before I had met another
deserter who had just crossed the fron-
tier. He deserted he avowed, because
he did not want to die. "At the Year,"
he said, "there awaits us nothing but
certain death. The officers force us into
the enemy's fire over the dead and
wounded."

"But," I asked, "if you had to ex-
plain your presence in Holland, how
could you do it? You have crossed the
occupied part of Belgium, and can never
pretend to have been forced over the
border by the enemy."

"I shall say that I was menaced by
civilians wanting to kill me. They can
never deny this; there have been so many
'franc-tireurs,' it is said."

This explains one of the origins of the
legends of Belgian civilians shooting Ger-
mans. A simple tale is exaggerated into
a menace by civilians with scythes,
spades, axes, as all the rifles have been
given in.

A third deserter had the same ex-
planation. The first one was fair, and
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Hongkong, January 26, 1915. 72

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11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving a
Statement of Accounts and the Report of
the General Managers for the year ending
31st December, 1914.
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pany will be CLOSED from MONDAY
the 22nd February, 1915, until FRIDAY
the 26th February, 1915, both days
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SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
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Hongkong, Feb. 13, 1915. 145

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Paid up Capital £2,437,500
II—Fire Funds £3,399,114
III—Life & Annuity Funds £16,136,160
Sinking Fund Account £8,812
£22,561,288

Revenue Fire Branch £2,567,158
Life and Annuity Branches £1,973,959
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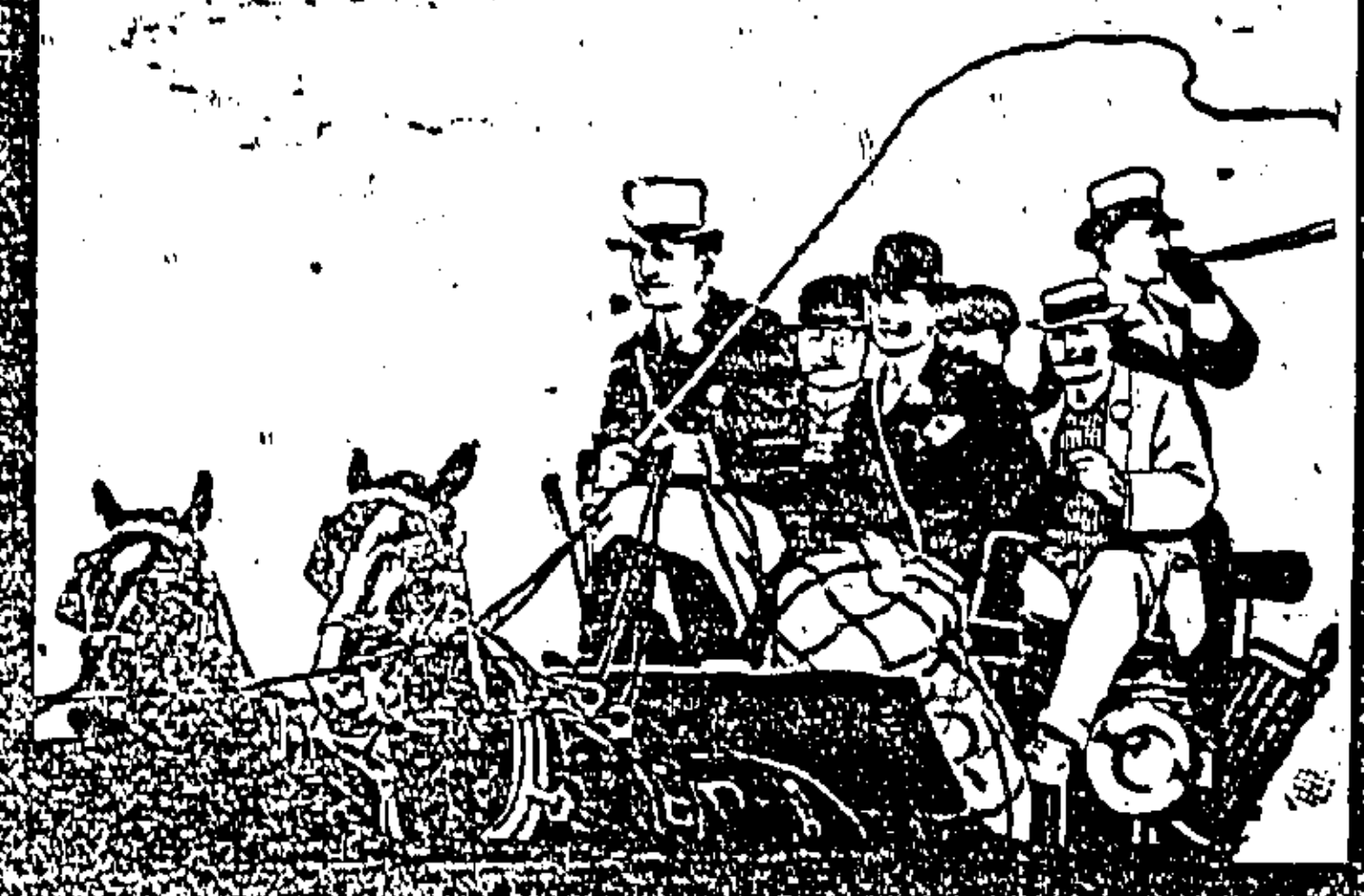
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just to hand, although dated Dec. 4, is
the first news of a German attack on
Mombasa and its suburbs. It is shown
that when all the European officers were
wounded and the British force was leader-
less, a native non-commissioned officer
took command and led his men to victory.
His defeat would have meant the loss,
for the time being, of British East
Africa. In another way, the Germans
lost a great chance of seizing the Pro-
tectorate.

The message reads—

The troops defending British East
Africa before the war, with a small, but
efficient, police force, had to maintain
peace and order in a territory of nearly
1,000,000 square miles, with a population
estimated at 7,500,000. Besides Zanzibar
and Pemba Islands, 1,100 square miles.
At the outbreak of war all the avail-
able King's African Rifles were in Juba-
land—a little-known province of the Pro-
tectorate bordering Italian Somaliland—
checking the Marching Somalis, restor-
ing order in the Turkana country, and
demonstrating a boundary to check the
roving bands of the truculent Somalis
and stop their bloodthirsty raids. Then
the Colonial Office awoke to the knowl-
edge that Mombasa and Voi were peril-
ously near German East Africa. Hastily
withdrawn from Jubaland, the troops
sailed from Kisumu for Mombasa, leav-
ing the peaceful "Lantu" tribes to the
mercy of the truculent Somalis.The Colonial Office realised also that
they had only one post on the Anglo-
German boundary. This was Taveeta,
in charge of Assistant District Commissioner
Pountain, who had with him a Goanese
clerk and twenty-five Askaris (native
soldiers). The nearest British railway
station was Voi, and the only communi-
cation was a trying three days' journey
across the Serengeti desert.

THE WARREN OUTLOOK.

It is surprising that with a native
force controlled by European officers and
non-coms, of more than double the
strength of the K.A. Rifles in British
East Africa and Uganda, and a great
superiority in machine and field guns,
the Germans did not take full advantage
of their opportunity and wreck the
Uganda railway, destroy the telegraph,
and occupy Voi and Mombasa, thus cut-
ting off the two Protectorates from out-
side help.We are told that the enemy looked
forward to a more or less peaceful oc-
cupation of British East Africa, after the
"utter defeat and ruin" of Sir John
French's "contemptible little army," it
being held that the fate of British
Colonies in Africa rested entirely on the
European issue, and therefore that there
was no need for hurry.The fact that the German dashes for
the railway were all repulsed speaks
volumes for the brave little band of de-
fenders—King's African Rifles, East
African Police, and the hastily mobilised
volunteers.Every British subject in the two Pro-
tectorates responded to the call to arms.
The Yeats of the East formed them-
selves into a command under Cap-
tain Wessels and have since done good
work. Distinguished settlers left their
farms for active service. Lord Delamere
received a commission and joined the
Intelligence Department; Sir Edward
Grey's brother was only in the fight-
ing, but unfortunately at Kisumu he was
wounded in the left arm, which has
since been amputated.The Governor, Sir Henry Conway Bel-
field, and the then Commandant of
Troops, Lieut. Colonel L. E. S. Ward,
had an anxious time, but with limited
material, aided by a slice of luck, they
kept the Germans from doing much
damage until the arrival of Colonel J.

M. Stewart from Burma with the first

batch of Indian troops, the 22nd Pun-
jabis.Since then there has been a steady
supply of troops and munitions of war
from India. The tension has been re-
laxed, confidence restored and aggressive
measures adopted.Perhaps the most dangerous attack by
the enemy, and almost successful, was
the attempt to capture Mombasa, which
was repulsed on Gaz, twenty-five miles
from the inland port.About the end of September the Ger-
mans advanced 600 strong, with six
machine guns, from the Vanga side.
They were held at Margerita on Sept.
25 by Captain Wavel's Arab Company,
and some King's African Rifles under
Captain Stone arrived from Jubaland on
the 27th, some 200 miles to reinforce Cap-
tain Wavel, the enemy in the meanwhile
having become very aggressive.The German plan of attack was to ad-
vance along the Vanga-Mombasa road,
arriving at Mombasa on Sept. 29 simul-
taneously with the German cruiser
Koenigsberg, which was expected to
bombard the town, land men, and oc-
cupy the island.The land forces were to destroy the
Salisbury bridge, which connects Mombasa
Island with the mainland, thus seal-
ing off one of the most important
strategic positions in East Africa.The Koenigsberg did not arrive, per-
haps because of the narrowness of British
warships, and the little British force of
300 men, dislocated the land operations
of the enemy. C. Company held off the
Germans until Oct. 2, when they were
reinforced by Indian troops. The 2nd
Infantry behaved particularly well at
Gazi, where they had to face very heavy
fire from the six machine guns of the
enemy.The King's African Rifles deserve
special mention. Major Hawthorn, who
was in command, and all the European
officers, were wounded early in the
engagement, thus leaving the little force
leaderless.Colour-Sergeant Sumari quietly took
charge and led on his men as if nothing
had happened. He gave the order to
charge, and the enemy broke and fled.
This incident has not yet appeared in
the usual official announcements, but it is
hoped the splendid conduct of the native
colour-sergeant will receive recognition.The Mombasa authorities fully expect-
ed a visit from the Koenigsberg after her
exploit with H.M.S. Pegasus at Zanzibar.
The Koenigsberg, moreover, had
sunk the station ships Cupid and Khalifa
at Zanzibar. As a precautionary measure
the military sent the women and
children of Mombasa up the line to
Mazoe, transferred the rolling stock to
the inland, and packed up the specie
and sent it to Nairobi. Confidence has
now been restored in the coastal towns of
British East Africa, and the Germans
realise that they have missed their golden
opportunity.The Man Who
Gets ThereIs the man who has blood—
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plenty of it—in his body.WATERBURY'S
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MORE BATTLE STORIES.

GALLANT IRISH GUARDS.

Capt. The Hon. H. Alexander's Ex-
periences.Captain the Hon. Harold Alexander,
Irish Guards, third son of the Countess
of Caledon, who has received the decoration
of the Legion of Honour from the
President of the French Republic, has
returned home wounded to Caledon
Castle.It was at Klein-Zillbocke on Sunday,
Nov. 1, he was wounded. They were
being attacked, and he was sent out in
charge of a detachment of a reserve
company, and they took up a position
in a wood. They were under heavy fire,
and while he was going around to see
if the men were all properly supplied
with ammunition he was struck on the
leg and right hand by a bullet. He fell,
and one of his men observing what had
happened, came to him at great personal
risk and bandaged up his hand and leg.While he was being bandaged Captain
Mulholland was hit and died of his
wounds the same evening. In that bat-
tle he believes his battalion lost in killed
and wounded eleven officers and 400
men. Captain Alexander says the Ger-
mans are splendidly equipped, and are
very dogged fighters until they get to
close quarters and see the bayonet.
Then they suddenly seem to realise that
the game is up, and they invariably
throw up their hands and run away
crying. Their snipers are splendid shots,
and some of them are very resourceful,
as the following incident will show.After the battle at Sempin on the Aisne
they were terribly worried by snipers,
and one of their men was shot dead and
several were wounded. He was sent out
before daylight with a section of men
to see if they could find the snipers. A
large turnip field divided the British and
German trenches, and they reached this
as well as the light would permit. It
was littered with dead bodies of Germans,
but they returned to the trenches when it
occurred to him that it would be an easy
matter for a sniper to take death in the
surroundings, and as the light improved
they had another search and came
across a German lying on his back be-
hind a little mound about 300 yards from
the British trenches.

FINDING DEATH.

The mound concealed him from the
trenches. His face was covered with an
oil sheet and his hands were concealed.
On the oil sheet being lifted it was seen
that the man was alive. His rifle and
other equipments were lying a couple
of yards off. When he saw that he was
discovered the German pretended that
he was wounded, but on being examined
afterwards by a doctor it was found that
there was nothing wrong with him.On the following night the patrols,
returning to the trenches, reported that
they believed the Germans were massing
for another attack. Captain Alexan-
der was sent out with half-a-dozen
men to reconnoitre and to fire a haystack
about 300 yards distant from the trenches.
They heard one German running away
out of the turnip field, but otherwise
everything seemed clear. As they ap-
proached the haystack, however, they
saw a mass of dark forms in hiding.
Captain Alexander whispered to the men
to follow him and charge with the bay-
onet.They crawled along on their knees
until they got to within about twenty
yards of the forms; then they sprang to
their feet and charged—a heap of dead
Germans. They fired the stack and re-
turned to the trenches feeling very
"creaky." Captain Alexander says he
believes it was for reconnaissance—of
which he had a lot to do—that he was
awarded the Legion of Honour. He
speaks in terms of the highest praise of
the men in his battalion. They are keen
and ready to endure any hardship or
undertake any duty, no matter how dan-
gerous.(Captain Alexander is holder of the
mille championship of Ireland.)

LIKE FIGCADDILLY-CIRCUS.

Rock-Bottom of Living.

An officer of the Royal Army Medical
Corps, writing home to a friend, gives
his impressions of war—on a man
who has had a large experience in other
fields. He says:"Notwithstanding the above, I seem to
have lived a hundred years. I now live
in a different world entirely, and have
certainly got down to rock bottom as
regards simplicity of living. My pal in
the train was an Australian, F. W.
Kerr, a noted Oxford long-distance runner
and a Rhodes scholar. Arrived at—
the head of the 8th Division, I found
a scene like 'Piccadilly-circus'—hundreds
of motor-lorries, converted buses, private
cars, American, Australian, Canadian,
British Red Cross ambulances, all up to
the wheels in mud. It is a miserable little
town, with the inevitable 'canal' through
it—narrow streets, little statues even."

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BEWARE OF COLDS.

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of distress caused by the War.T. F. HUGHES,
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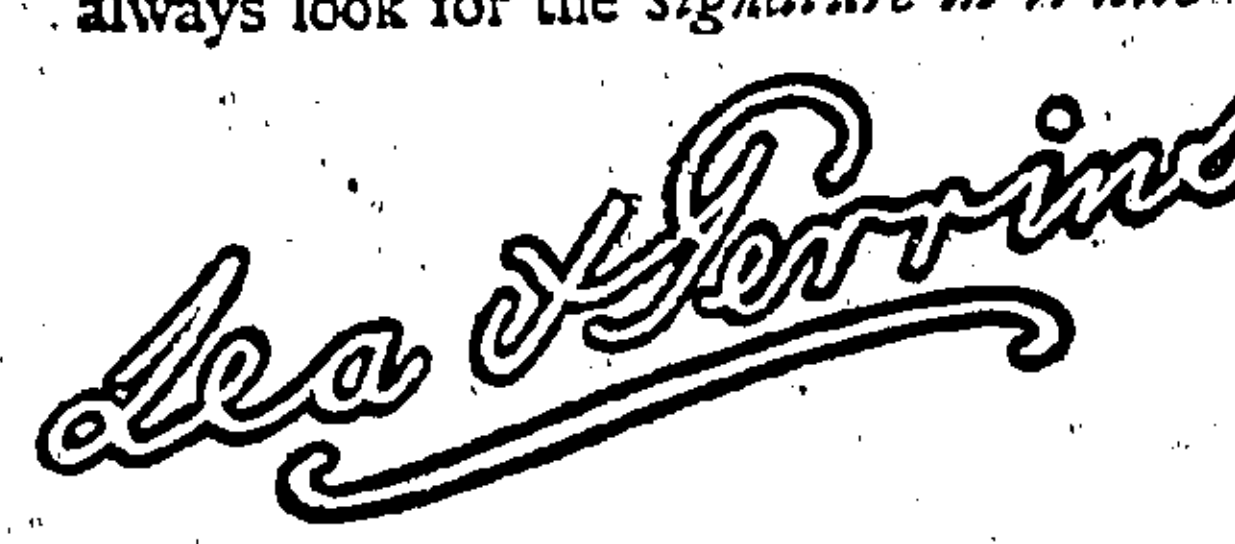
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extent that these precautions are necessary, in order to
make sure that you are being supplied with the original
and genuine Worcestershire and not one of its many
imitations.

MORE BATTLE STORIES.
(Continued from page 2.)
At four a.m. an urgent message to
pick and get out to join the East Lan-
cashire Regiment. I got up by candle
light, and found the sky ablaze with
fireballs. This, combined with the pic-
turesque cracked walls of the convent,
all performing in body, and the con-
tinuous booming of the big guns, which
were about three miles off made up an
impressive scene. Anyhow, off I went
through the darkness and rain in a
motor without lights, and ever and anon
stopping sharp at the "Halt! Who goes
there?" of the concealed sentries. The
occasion of my coming was the death of
the M.O. of the East Lanes. He was
shot just in front of my present cottage.
When I got there the roof of a shed the
men were sleeping in had fallen in and
buried them—none killed. Also there
was a devil of a battle on, in the course
of which we took several trenches and
then lost them again. They threw their
hand grenades into our trenches. Lots
of casualties.

I shall never forget that night. The
rain—you couldn't believe how muddy
it was to be here—the rain, the shells
whizzing, and the fireballs soaring along
making everything clear in one instant—
the bullets whizzing past one's ears, and
every now and then thudding against
the house—none went through the ambu-
lance, and one came in the window, and
several men were plugged coming along
the road—and the groans of a poor chap
in my room who was shot through the
stomach, and whose last wishes a kind-
hearted Lancashire man was trying to
take with clumsy tact—and, above all,
the ghastly way everybody took it all as
a matter of course.

Well, these things make one think
about 50 per cent. quicker and stranger
thoughts than one ever thought before.
For one thing, the average Tommy who
faces all this for months on end is cer-
tainly a hero without any extra per-
formances. You may take my word for
that, and I confess I never believed it
before. Not that they like it or pretend
to, but they go through it, and they
see their pals plugged, and see their
turn coming, and don't flinch it.

As for me, I was terrified to death at
first, and kept dodging the bullets and
shells, but am getting a little used to it.

OUR STOICAL SOLDIERS.
Doctor's Tribute.
A Welsh doctor, who is surgeon at a
hospital in Northern France, in the
course of a letter to a friend, pays a
high tribute to the heroism and modesty
of our soldiers. He says:
"These fellows are brave men stoics.
We have one man—a married man with
children—who has lost the sight of both
eyes through a bullet wound. He is the
happiest man in the ward. When he
realised the nature of his affliction the
only remark he made was, 'I am very
thankful indeed to be alive.'"
Modesty is another characteristic of
the British Tommy. The following inci-
dent strikingly illustrates this trait.
We had a Lancashire man, a private
in the 2nd Manchester, in the ward for
some days. He was quiet, but withal
good-humoured and appreciative. He was
perhaps the last man in that particular
ward whom one would pick out as likely
to have performed a deed of conspicuous
valour and daring. When the day came
to leave for England the ward sister
(an Englishwoman living in France)
noticed on his tunic the decoration of
the Legion of Honour. It was only by
questioning him that it was elicited that
a French general had seen him carrying
a wounded comrade under heavy fire
and had recommended him for the
honour.

Another private in the same ward was
summoned before his commanding officer
after an engagement and informed that
he would be reported for the D.C.M.
(Distinguished Conduct Medal). As-
suming a very penitent attitude, he asked
in sorrowful tones what misdeed he
had committed. He thought the

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**HAVE YOU A
BAD LEG**
with wounds that discharge or otherwise, perhaps
surrounded with inflammation and swollen, that
when you press your finger on the inflamed part
it leaves the impression? If so, under the skin
you have poison, which will travel all the round
the joints. Perhaps your knees are swollen,
or there may be wounds; the disease, if allowed
to continue, will destroy you of the power to walk.
You may have attended various hospitals, and been
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Treatment, which is a certain cure in cases of
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We found the back door open, and
such is the liberties of war, we walked
in and through the buildings, climbing
up the several staircases. A nun and
several girls in the attic at the top were
rather taken back by our sudden entry.
From the top of a ladder in the roof we
could get into the little open balcony and
see over the country for miles. With
field glasses it was possible to see exactly
where our shrapnel, which is constantly
worrying the enemy all day long, was
falling or exploding in the air with a
dash, bang, and puffs of white smoke.

They had a new machine up in the
sky for observation purposes. All the
Tommyes were peering at it as a Zepp-
lin, but it is some sausage-shaped captive
balloon or a kind of man-lifting kite. I
am afraid this new apparatus will help
them to know all about us and our
location. To-night our guns have been
"biting" at it. The old sister of Mrs.
Superior was very affable when we
came down, and gave us some of her
cherished pears stored in the roof attic.

We went on to where the shells had
been dropping, as by finding one of their
fuses, it is possible to see the exact dis-
tance it had been fired from. They are
set to so many metres range. With the
observation of the line where the dash
came from a knowledge is gained just
where the enemy's guns lie. But the
best help of all are the aeroplanes; we
had three of ours up to-day. One of
our batteries is skilfully hidden in an
orchard. We passed near it, but were
afraid to approach close, unless we
might have been spotted from the dis-
tance and given away the exact position
of guns and men.

One Tommy major we met told us
that a lot of the men in this district are
suffering in the trenches from a peculiar
disease that has hardly been known be-
fore. The long hours in the mud, and
all of us still very cheerful. Newly
dropped anything the mud swallowed
it up directly. After this, if anyone
calls a Terrier a Saturday afternoon sol-
dier when I'm about, there will be
trouble.

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